

Minutes of Meeting
Washington State Board of Optometry

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, December 3, 2004, by Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room One, at the Department of Health Offices, Center Point Corporate Park, 20435 72nd South, Kent, Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair
PRESENT: R. Richard Ryan, Jr., O.D.
 Lund Chin, O.D.
 Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.
 Mariann Tonder, O.D.
 Mary Lou Staples, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Saxe, Executive Director
 Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
 Kristi Weeks, Staff Attorney
 Todd Henry, Health Policy Manager
 Judy Haenke, Program Manager
 Dodie Needham-Crake, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Ray, Aquus, Inc
 Wayne R. Serin, O.D.

ORDER OF AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION:

1. **REVIEW OF LICENSING APPLICATIONS**
 One applicant was approved for licensure.
2. **DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEW**

OPEN SESSION: 10:00 a.m.

3. **Call to Order**
 - 3.1 Approval of Agenda
 The Agenda was approved with the following additions.
 - Department of Health volunteer program for retired practitioners.
 - Board representation at the June 2005 Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry Annual Meeting.
 - 3.2 Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2004, Meeting
 The minutes were approved as written with editorial changes.

Board Chair Report.

Tom Riley, O.D., Board Chair, introduced Mariann Tonder, O.D., to the Board. This is Dr. Tonder's first meeting following her appointment to the Board by Governor Locke in September 2004. Dr. Riley reported that, as of November 3, 2004, 721 optometrists have been approved to prescribe oral drugs. The Optometric Physicians of Washington (OPW) plan to facilitate at least one more orals certification course. Anyone interested should contact OPW.

4. Presentation: Understanding the Disciplinary Process

Kristi Weeks, Staff Attorney presented an overview of the Disciplinary Process. Her presentation included an overview of disciplinary case management and timelines, clarification of unprofessional conduct and the definitions and use of a Notice of Correction, Statement of Allegation and Stipulation to Informal Disposition, and Statement of Charges and Final Order. Ms. Weeks also reviewed the decision-making process for licensees and applicants with felony and gross misdemeanor conviction.

5. 2005 Post Graduate Education Seminar

5.1 Speakers for 2005

Finalized speakers for the March 2005 Post-Graduate Seminar Include:

Peggy S. Achenbach, O.D.

Jason Jones, M.D.

Audrey Talley, M.D.

Michael Field, M.D.

Steven Laukaitis, M.D.

Kathy Williams, O.D.

Brett Bence, O.D.

Steven Saxe, RPh, MHA, FACHE, Executive Director, Department of Health

Jean Sullivan, R.N., Executive Director, Department of Health

Thomas Riley, O.D.

Douglas Harshman, O.D.

Gary Bumgarner, O.D.

5.2 Other Seminar Business

The seminar notice will be mailed to currently licensed optometrists by mid-January 2005.

6. Continuing Education Courses - Action

6.1 The following continuing education courses were considered by the Board.

"Empire Eye Annual OD CE" submitted by Kim Calnan-Holt, OD presented at Valley Hospital Education Center, Spokane Washington on September 24, 2004. Approved for two credit hours.

"Neurology for Primary Care" submitted by Terrence Clark, OD sponsored by Group Health/Kaiser Permanente at the Westin Hotel, Seattle Washington, on December 9, 2004. Approved for five credit hours.

"Infectious Disease Challenges" submitted by James Worley, OD sponsored by Audio Digest, held on September 17, 2004. Approved for 1.5 credit hours.

“Optometric Management System Software” submitted by Kenn Dahlin OD held at the Stratosphere in Las Vegas NV on April 2-3, 2004. Approved for two credit hours.

“Radiological & Clinical Correlates of Neuro-Ophthalmic Disorders” submitted by Brett Bence OD, sponsored by in Mount Vernon WA on October 12, 2004. Approved for one credit hours.

“CrystaLens: Accommodating IOL”, “Update on HEDS I & II, BRVO, & CRVO”, “Refractive Surgery: Myths, legends & where are we now” sponsored by PCLI and held at the Cedars Golf Course in Brush Prairie Washington on September 24, 2004. Approved for four credit hours.

“Vascular Occlusive Disorders of Retina”, “Live demo on using retinoscope”, “Intravitreal Steroids” sponsored by PCLI and held at Retina & Macula Specialists in Tacoma Washington on October 26, 2004. Approved for 1.5 credit hours under Practice Management and .5 credit hr under other credits.

“Refractive Surgery: The Past, Present, & Future”, “How soon can you get here? A study in patient relations” sponsored by PCLI and held at the Museum of Glass, Tacoma Washington on September 22, 2004. Approved for two credit hours.

“Macular Degeneration and it's Treatment” sponsored by PCLI, and held in Lewiston ID on October 14, 2004. Approved for two credit hours.

“Pterygium: Review of Old & New Management Options”, “White Stuff in the Viteous?... Do not fear. Intravitreal Steroids in the treatment of retinal edema”, “You Want Perfection...Now? Update on Refractive Surgery” sponsored by PCLI and held at the Red Lion Hotel and Sun Willows Golf Course in Pasco Washington on September 24, 2004. Approved for 3.5 credit hours.

“Breakthrough Approaches for Improving Adrenal and Thyroid Function” submitted by Robert Black, OD held on March 17, 2002. The Board has requested a more specific and detailed outline of the course and its contents before approval of 5.5 credits.

“Eye Care 2005” sponsored by Group Health Cooperative at the Embassy Suites at SeaTac on January 8, 2005. Approved for seven credits.

“You Want Perfection...Now? An Update on Refractive Surgery” submitted by PCLI held in Lewiston, ID on November 15, 2004. Approved for two credits.

“Our Interesting Cases” submitted by James Lombardo held at Hale's Pub on February 9, 2005. Approved for one credit.

“Lectures and Workshops” sponsored by NW Eye Surgeons and held in Tampa Florida on December 9-12, 2004. All COPE accredited courses are approved.

“Medical Optometry I” submitted by PCLI and sponsored by Retina & Macula Specialists in Tacoma Washington, on November 24, 2004. Approved for two credits.

6.2 Designation of Reviewer Through March 5, 2005.

Lund Chin, O.D., will act as primary reviewer of continuing education courses submitted through March 18, 2005. Mary Lou Staples will provide review of courses as needed to assist Dr. Chin.

7. **Consideration of Requests for Extension of Continuing Education Reporting**

The Board approved a request for an extension through July 2005, based on medical reasons.

8. **Wayne R. Serin, O.D. – Certification through the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Inc.**

Dr. Serin recently became certified as a **Certified Medical Investigator** through the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Inc. Dr. Serin asked whether the use of the title, Certified Medical Investigator, conflicts in any way with **WAC 246-851-330: Misleading titles or degrees**. He also asked whether the Board would grant 15 hours of continuing education credit for this course.

Following discussion the Board did not adopt a position whether the use of the title was a violation of WAC 246-851-330. The Board did instruct Dr. Serin to always properly identify himself in any advertising.

Regarding continuing education credit, the Board requested more information on whether this course was approved by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) and by the Connecticut Board of Optometry. Staff will obtain the information for the Board's consideration.

9. **Election of Officers for 2005**

The following officers were reaffirmed for the calendar year 2005.

Thomas Riley, O.D. – Chair

Jeffrey Sutro, O.D. – Vice-Chair

Lund Chin, O.D. - Secretary

10. **Set Meeting Dates for 2005**

The following meeting dates were set for 2005.

March 18, 2005

June 10, 2005

September 9, 2005

December 2, 2005

11. Budget Report - Information

The Board reviewed revenue and expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2004.

12. Executive Director Report – Steven Saxe

Steven Saxe, Executive Director, reported on potential legislation related to prescriptive authority and the re-use of unused drugs. Mr. Saxe also provided an overview of restructuring within the Department's Health Professions Quality Assurance Division including staffing needs.

13. Resolution of the Yakima Valley Society of Optometric Physicians

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Yakima Valley Society of Optometric Physicians that would require all doctors of optometry practicing in the state of Washington to be licensed at the highest level of practice allowed by state law.

14. Laurie Jenkins, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Health will address the Board regarding Department of Health Changes

Laurie Jenkins discussed Department of Health current legislative packages and potential budgeting for additional full time employees. She also outlined the timelines for submitting request legislation for 2006.

15. Other Open Session Business

The Board reviewed information regarding the Washington State Volunteer Retired Provider Malpractice Insurance Program. A volunteer health care provider can provide service to low-income residents. A volunteer cannot receive compensation; however the program provides malpractice insurance coverage, within the budget capacity of the program to licensed health care professionals. The program will also pay for the professional license renewal for retired health care professionals. Currently, the program is open to: physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental hygienists, and pharmacists. The Board directed staff to research the possibility of including optometrists on the list of program participants.

Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair, suggested that Marianne Tonder, O.D., Judy Haenke, Program Manager, and he represent the Board at the Association of Regulatory Board of Optometry Annual Meeting to be held in Texas in June 2005. Staff will request travel authorization and report to the Board at its March 2005, meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved:

Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair